

Mr. Seat having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 9, 1859.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. The journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

The President of the Senate announced the following Standing Committees :

*On the Judiciary.*—Messrs. Potter, Stockdale, Shepard, Wigfall, Paschal, Guinn, Quinan, Rainey, Duggan, Townes, Parsons, Throckmorton, Hart and Wallace.

*On Finance.*—Messrs. Grimes, Rainey, Hyde, Lott, Herbert, Dickinson and Gentry.

*On Public Lands.*—Messrs. Walker, Sims, Quinan, Potter, Martin, Townes and Hart.

*On State Affairs.*—Messrs. Wigfall, Shepard, Stockdale, Potter, Chambers, Pitts, Parsons and Paschal.

*On Indian Affairs.*—Messrs. Erath, Britton, Sims, Hyde, Schleicher, Walker and Herbert.

*On Education.*—Messrs. Quinan, Harmon, Scarborough, Britton, Whaley, Hart and Townes.

*On the Penitentiary.*—Messrs. Lott, Shepard, Grimes, Wallace and Gentry.

*On Internal Improvements.*—Messrs. Paschal, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Wigfall, Gentry, Shepard, Martin, Parsons and Townes.

*On Privileges and Elections.*—Messrs. Rainey, Scarborough, Lott, Wigfall, Sims, Dickinson and Wallace.

*On Counties and County Boundaries.*—Messrs. Duggan, Erath, Walker, Schleicher, Hyde, Throckmorton and Harmon.

*On Private Land Claims.*—Messrs. Hyde, Britton, Erath, Rains, Schleicher, Throckmorton and Harmon.

*On Roads, Bridges and Ferries.*—Messrs. Herbert, Walker, Grimes, Fall, Townes, Hart and Gentry.

*On Claims and Accounts.*—Messrs. Guinn, Throckmorton, Whaley, Scarborough, Chambers, Hyde and Townes.

*On Printing and Contingent Expenses.*—Messrs. Scarborough, Lott, Rainey, Duggan and Pitts.

*On Engrossed Bills.*—Messrs. Fall, Lott and Dickinson.

*On Enrolled Bills.*—Messrs. Stockdale, Townes and Whaley.

*On Public Debt.*—Messrs. Shepard, Parsons, Erath, Chambers, Hyde, Rainey and Potter.

*On Treasurer's Books and Accounts.*—Messrs. Throckmorton and Wallace.

*On Land Office.*—Messrs. Pitts, Britton, Guinn, Throckmorton, Martin, Fall and Erath.

*On the Militia.*—Messrs. Britton, Rainey, Erath, Shepard and Herbert.

*On Apportionment.*—Messrs. Parsons, Potter, Sims, Rainey, Paschal, Throckmorton, Walker, Erath and Scarborough.

The President appointed Messrs. Duggan, Parsons, Lott, Wallace and Stockdale, a Select Committee on the memorial of Messrs. Marshall & Oldham in relation to the Public Printer and Public Printing.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of the citizens of Panola county, praying an extension of time for the sessions of the District Court. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Walker presented the petition of Judge N. M. Surford for relief, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Grimes presented the memorial of John Ricord. Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of J. Jennings, which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Chambers introduced a Bill to declare the true intent and meaning, and amend an Act entitled an Act to provide relief for pre-emption settlers and their assignees under the Act of the 22<sup>d</sup> January, 1845; the Act of the 7th January, 1853, and the Act of the 13th February, 1854, and actual settlers on the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Reservation. Approved the 10th February, 1858. Read first and second time and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Walker introduced a Bill to create and organize the — Judicial District, and to fix the time of holding courts therein. Read first and second times and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hart introduced a Bill to repeal an Act to establish the University of Texas. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Erath offered the following Resolution :

"*Resolved*, That with the concurrence of the House, the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate act jointly with a like Committee on the part of the House whenever it may be deemed expedient by the members of either of said Committees." Adopted.

Mr. Parsons offered the following Resolution :

*“Resolved, That the Secretary of State be required to furnish each member of the Senate with a copy of Oldham & White’s Digest of the Laws of Texas, together with a copy of the Journals of the last session of the Senate.”* Adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following Resolution :

*“Resolved, That the Secretary furnish stationery, envelopes, stamps, &c., and that it be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.”* Adopted.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the Legislature, reported that they had performed that duty, and that His Excellency was ready to communicate his Message at 11 o’clock, A. M., to-day.

Mr. Erath offered the following Resolution :

*“Resolved, That with the concurrence of the House, the Senate will meet the House at — o’clock, A. M., to receive the Governor’s Message.”*

Mr. Rainey moved to fill the blank with “eleven.”

Mr. Throckmorton moved to fill the blank with “10 o’clock to-morrow.” Carried.

The question on the adoption of the Resolution was then put and carried.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the Resolution was re-considered and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o’clock to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 10, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Harmon presented the petition of sundry citizens of Hopkins county, asking relief for the widow and children of Wm. W. Poff, deceased, and others. Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of Casper Ernst Vogt, asking that his name be changed. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Britton introduced a Bill authorizing the Governor to raise without delay, for the protection of the citizens of Texas, a mounted military corps of 1,000 men to be known and designated as Texas Rangers. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. Hall offered the following Resolution :